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ROBINSON STATE PARK

Tree believers

10 years ago, Friends saved our 'Yellowstone'

By Mike Lydick
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That deep, peaceful forest on Agawam's northern border may seem ancient and eternal, but it was almost changed forever a decade ago this month.

In January 2006, several Feeding Hills residents who live near Robinson State Park noticed trees marked with blue and yellow paint. Among those residents were Kathie Breuninger and Carol Gilmour, who at first assumed it was vandalism.

But when Breuninger, Gilmour, and others began asking questions, they learned it was the beginning of a state plan to harvest nearly 3,000 trees — and turn the park into a tree farm with perpetual harvesting. "You don't log in an urban park," said Breuninger.

"The park is very narrow, with deep ravines — most of which run to water. The soil is very sandy — it would've caused erosion," explained Gilmour.

Their concerns created an informal and volunteer group called the Friends of Robinson State Park, dedicated to preserving the park in its natural state, that exposed the potential timber sale.

Claudia Hurley, another founding member, said the group visited Chicopee State Park, where the state had already harvested timber. "It was a mess — they took down a lot of trees. Most were left on the ground, allowing invasive spe-

Robinson State Park remains a natural preserve because of the Friends of Robinson State Park, founded 10 years ago. The Friends' work was featured on an Agawam Advertiser News front page in July 2006. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MICHAEL J. BALLWAY

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STUDENT GALLERY

Young artists put stamp on post office wall

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Jackaie Little could not be prouder to see her son's picture on the wall at the post office.

To clarify: A picture — actually, pictures — drawn by her six-year-old son, Cameron. As part of an art exhibit, a partnership between Agawam public schools and the postmaster.

"It think it is great that the kids have a place to show off what they are doing in school," said Little.

She was one of many parents who attended a small "artists' reception" last Thursday night at the Suffield Street post office. The premiere featured the work of children in the town's four elementary schools, and the Roberta Doering School.

Art teacher Rebecca Osborn helped orchestrate the exhibit, saying the semicircular lobby is a great place to bring art and have it displayed for the townspeople to see.

"I do not live in town, but I come to this post office a lot because of the time I get out of work," she said. "Every time I come here, I would see this area completely white. The semicircle looked like a great place to put some art on the walls."

Osborn said she contacted the postmaster and he agreed to allow the schools to start installing art displays in the front lobby. Osborn anticipates the art will change on a semi-frequent basis, at least twice a year. The artwork featured will be for students of all ages, through students in grades kindergarten through sixth grade were part of the first exhibit.

Cynthia Newsome, a high school art teacher, brought her daughter, Hannah, 8, to the reception and said she was so pleased children were having an opportunity to have their artwork shown.

"I have been doing art for a long time and it took many years for me to have some of my art

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Cameron Little, 11, stands by his art on display at the post office on Suffield Street. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

Ready for Relay



Brianna, left, and Meeleen Gaynor talk with Patricia Wolos during last weekend's kickoff for the 2016 Relay for Life of Agawam. A member of the Relay planning team, Wolos set up an information table for caregivers of cancer patients. The Gaynors are part of the Rosie Robotics Relay team. Story and more photos, page 10. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MIKE LYDICK

FEEDING HILLS CENTER

Court case holding up drive-through

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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Though the new medical office opened on North Westfield Street this month, the two drive-through buildings planned for the property remain unbuilt, and the town is withholding a building permit for one of them.

Last year, the Zoning Board of Appeals approved a site plan for three businesses at 38 N. Westfield St., Feeding Hills, to be built by developer Ralph DePalma. The property, most recently a vacant lot, sits between the Pride gas station and a private residence. In addition to the new Noble Express Care office, DePalma plans to open a Dunkin' Donuts on the north side of the property, near the house, and a Holyoke Credit Union branch on the south side, near the gas station.

DePalma had to seek a special permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals to get drive-through windows for the credit union and Dunkin' Donuts. The appeal was granted with conditions in June 2015.

Three abutters to the property, Barbara Murphy, Michael and Kimberly Murphy (no relation to Barbara), and Emiddio Botta, filed an appeal in Western Housing Court on July 10. That appeal is holding up the construction of Dunkin' Donuts, leading town Director of Inspection Services Eric Wight to issue a foundation-only building permit for the coffee shop. He said he has issued a full building permit for the credit union. The complainants are not fighting the credit union drive-through window.

Wight said he will not issue a full building permit for Dunkin' Donuts until the court case has been resolved.

"The only thing I would possibly do is issue a building permit that has a condition that the drive-through cannot be built until the court case is resolved," said Wight.

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20 PAGES

AHS principal turns down top job in Granby

By Michael J. Ballway
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Steven Lemanski wasn't kidding last month when he said it "would be very difficult for me to leave."

The Agawam High School principal, offered the job of superintendent of schools in Granby, Mass., in mid-December, failed to reach an agreement with the School Committee there and decided, after a month of negotiations, to withdraw from consideration and stay in Agawam.

"The draw of Agawam was pretty big for me," Lemanski said this week. "I really enjoy working in Agawam and the support

I get here from the town, from the School Committee, from my own staff members, from my superintendent."



Steven Lemanski

He said this week that he plans to put his job search "on hold for now," and intends to remain Agawam High School's principal for 2016-17.

He said he's proud of the work he has accomplished on the school climate at AHS,

and looking forward to the challenge of adapting the curriculum to the standardized testing changes expected in the coming years.

Granby officials on Jan. 21 voted to accept Lemanski's withdrawal and offer the position to their second choice, Sheryl Stanton, assistant superintendent in Southbridge, Mass., and the former high school principal in Ludlow.

Lemanski had kind words for Granby officials. "I really respect the Granby School Committee," he said. "They were great through the whole process. It was just my own personal decision."

Lemanski, who grew up in Chicopee and spent the early part of his career in the public schools there, was hired as AHS's assistant principal in 2004. He has been principal since 2007.

Humason holding office hours next week

State Sen. Don Humason will host public office hours in Agawam, Westfield and Southwick in February.

Humason or a member of his staff will be available in Agawam from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 1, in the Peirce Conference Room at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. All are welcome to visit and share their thoughts or concerns on state matters.

Office hours in Westfield will be 4-5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10, at the Westfield Atheneaeum, 6 Elm St.

Office hours in Southwick are 4-5:30

p.m. Monday, Feb. 22, at the Southwick Public Library, 95 Feeding Hills Road.

Humason and staff are also available to meet with constituents at his district office, 64 Noble St. in Westfield. No appointment is necessary, but calling ahead is recommended. Humason's district office staff can be reached at 413-568-1366. Staff in his Boston office can be reached at 617-722-1415 for legislative matters. The senator's email is Donald.Humason@MASenate.gov.

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Library Friends to hold annual meeting

The Friends of the Agawam Public Library will hold its annual meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4, in the Community Room of the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. This meeting is open to the public. The election of officers will be held at this meeting. All members who have paid their 2016 dues will be eligible to vote. Anyone interested in joining the Friends organization may pay dues at the beginning of the meeting to become eligible to vote.

The Friends of the Agawam Public Library is a nonprofit, 501(c)3 tax-exempt organization whose mission is to support the town library by providing fundraisers, workshops and educational activities, and volunteer services.

For further information, write to Friends of the Agawam Public Library, P.O. Box 478, Feeding Hills, MA 01030-0478. The Friends group is not connected to any local, state, or federal government agency.

Tax bills due Feb. 1

The third quarter real estate and personal property tax bills for fiscal year 2016 are due in the collector's office by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 1. Bills may also be paid online at www.agawam.ma.us.

Third quarter payment notices were mailed Thursday, Dec. 31. By law, bills were mailed to owners of record as of Jan. 1, 2015. Any new homeowner or anyone who has not received their real estate or personal property tax bill should contact the collector's office at 413-786-0400, ext. 8218, to obtain the bill amount.

The collector's office is on the first floor of Town Hall, 36 Main St., Agawam.

Member sought for zoning appeals board

James Cichetti, City Council president, has announced that effective immediately, there is an opening for one regular position and one alternate position on the Agawam Zoning Board of Appeals. Interested parties should contact Barbara Bard in the City Council office at 413-726-9716 or email bbard@agawam.ma.us as soon as possible.

Children's pajama drive at Agawam library

The Agawam Public Library is partnering with the Boston Bruins and Cradles to Crayons to provide new pajamas for local children in need across Massachusetts. The pajama drive will start Feb. 1 and will go through March 15. Donations of new children's pajamas will be collected at the library at 750 Cooper St., Agawam. For more information, call 413-789-1550, ext. 3.

Bishop Rozanski visits St. John's Church



Mary O'Rourke, 95, was thrilled to meet Bishop Mitchell Rozanski when he visited St. John the Evangelist Church last week. SUBMITTED PHOTO BY GERALDINE SCHILLING-NORDAL

St. John the Evangelist Church in Agawam hosted a pastoral visit from Bishop Mitchell Rozanski on Jan. 20. He arrived at 7:30 a.m. and said the daily 8 a.m. Mass, concelebrated with the Rev. Michael Wood, his secretary, the Rev. Brian McGrath, pastor at St. John's, and the Rev. John Lis, priest in residence.

A reception immediately followed in the Father Joyce Room, providing an opportunity for Bishop Rozanski to meet some of the parishioners. During the day, the bishop continued discussions with other people connected with various segments of the church.

The bishop's visit was part of his effort to be better informed about the parishes throughout the Springfield Roman Catholic Diocese, allowing him to better support the church's ministries. He departed at 8:15 p.m. after a wrap-up discussion with the pastor.



John and Kathy McKenna are pictured with Bishop Mitchell Rozanski. SUBMITTED PHOTO BY GERALDINE SCHILLING-NORDAL



The Rev. Michael Wood, secretary to Bishop Mitchell Rozanski, talks with parishioners at St. John's. SUBMITTED PHOTO BY GERALDINE SCHILLING-NORDAL



Geraldine Schilling-Nordal and her husband, Reidar, pose with Bishop Mitchell Rozanski during his pastoral visit to St. John's in Agawam. SUBMITTED PHOTO BY THE REV. MICHAEL WOOD

'Hospital Hill' topic of Feb. 11 AuthorTalk

Kate Anderson returns to the Agawam Public Library as part of the AuthorTalk series at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11, with her new novel, "Hospital Hill."

The walls of Northampton State Hospital have held onto a dark secret for decades. In 1959, Valerie Martin takes a job on the wards of Northampton State Hospital for the Insane where she spends the next 20 years climbing the ranks.

When the hospital closes, she leaves for good, or so she thinks. Just weeks away from retirement, Martin is called back to complete one final task and finds a disturbing trend among some of the female patients. She has a hunch — these women were all murdered. It's time the truth was revealed.

Books will be available for purchase and signing at this event. To register, call the library at 413-789-1550, ext. 4, or register online at www.agawamlibrary.org.

The library is at 750 Cooper St., Agawam.

Dog group to host comedy night

All are invited to enjoy a night of laughs as the Agawam Dog Owners Group holds its third annual Comedy Night Saturday, Feb. 13, at Oak Ridge Golf Club, 850 S. Westfield St., Feeding Hills. Four comedians will perform at the 8 p.m. show. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Guests should bring their own snacks. There will be a cash bar. Tickets are \$20 and are on sale at Southgate Liquors, next to Geissler's at Southgate Shopping Plaza, 830 Suffield St., Agawam, or online at www.AgawamDogPark.com.

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OUR VIEW

Student art steps into the light

More than ever, our town's greatest asset, its children — and its greatest expense, their education — are locked away from public view. That makes it twice as nice to see that Agawam schools are partnering with the post office to put student artwork on public display.

What was once a bare wall in the lobby of the Suffolk Street post office is now an art gallery that affords everyone in Agawam a glimpse into the art classrooms of the town's elementary and middle schools (future exhibits will include art from the junior and senior high schools). It's unfortunate, though understandable, that most of us don't get many opportunities to see how our town's children spend their schooldays.

School Committee members often speak of school safety as one of their top priorities, and it's not hard to see why. The past 20 years have seen a heartbreaking drumbeat of well-publicized shootings at schools across the country. Parents, naturally, have no greater concern than the safety of their children, who are their hearts, their future. In Agawam and neighboring towns, a dip in MCAS scores may result in one or two disappointed letters to the editor, but if the administration makes even one mistake in the way it handles a student or teacher bringing a weapon in school — even an unloaded one — expect a virtual mob of hundreds on social media, and at least a couple dozen at the next board meeting, demanding explanations and resignations. So our schools have become fortresses.

Behind those locked doors, teachers and students build a vibrant community. Posters for upcoming events, trophy cases, inspirational displays and, yes, student artworks are around every corner and tacked to every classroom wall. A few nights a year, parents are invited in to see this world of creativity. Rarely — the two high school Arts Festivals, for example — does the public at large get a chance to participate.

The student gallery at the post office brings that community out from behind its gate. It lets the rest of us see the great work being done by our neighbors' children. It also provides those children with the chance to be famous beyond their own peer group — to have their work on display for even strangers to admire.

The teachers and postal employees who brought this gallery into being didn't just fill an interior design need at the post office, or provide simply one more display case for the large volume of artwork being produced by seven schools. They've given Agawam residents, graduates and taxpayers — and anyone else passing through town — an opportunity to see just what makes our children, our hearts, our future, so special.

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JAY SPEAKS

Aging with style

Georgie announced, "Keep your head down and hold onto your ropes. We are going through some mean rapids. There is a 25-foot drop over the next hundred yards."

Georgie Clark is also known as "Queen of the River" — the river being the Colorado. I was on a rafting trip with Kitty, five days through the Grand Canyon. Georgie was in her 80s at the time. Across the raft from me was Nan, an 85-year-old with a big smile on her face. Kitty was calm and adjusting her ropes and gear. I'm certain that my face and actions spelled out TERROR. I guess that I do not age with grace. We did get through the rapids and ultimately were helicoptered out of the canyon.

Yesterday, my sister Marilyn called from Washington just prior to the blizzard. She and her partner were told to stock up enough food and supplies to last two weeks. Sam, her partner, is 99 years old and just published an autobiography, now distributed by Amazon. Sam was instrumental in our government improving our public health systems. He is still productive at 99.

Our first President Bush, 91-year-old George H.W., has been parachuting every couple of years. Jimmy Carter is still making his mark on history, also at 90 years of age. Didn't Ron Reagan hold down the presidency into his 80s?

Kitty reminded me of our friend George Dickstein. George was in his late 70s when he found a burglar in his kitchen on returning from a bike trip. The burglar had a knife. George knocked the burglar to the ground, then put a chair over the intruder and sat on the chair while calling the police.

To exemplify my bravery, I have to tell my readers of my most recent experience with a mouse. Kitty and I were reading and a mouse dashed across the room. Kitty called to me, "Put a waste basket over it." I

followed her lead and dropped the basket over the mouse. "Now, slide a magazine cover under the basket, take it outside and drop it over the fence into the woods." I appealed to her bravery: "You do it!" The look I received will go down in history.

Our daughter Cynthia was here over the weekend and she told us a story of her former neighbor in Ithaca. At age 79, he bought a pair of inline skates. After practicing a few days, he remarked to Cynthia, "Tonight is a full moon. Route 13 has just been repaved. I'm going out at midnight and skating down the middle of Route 13. There will be no traffic and it will be real smooth."

This same gentleman took a kayak and followed the Lewis and Clark trail down the Missouri River in his late 80s. Now in his mid-90s, he is using a recumbent bicycle on the bike lanes.

When I was at the tabloid "Woods and Waters," Frank Sousa was the editor. Frank is an avid hockey player. At 80-odd years old, there is Frank bouncing guys off the boards and getting himself knocked off. I'll stay with tennis. Less getting knocked around.

I'll wrap up this article with our daughter Cynthia's remembrance while we were watching figure skating on television. Cynthia had taken several months of figure skating instruction, more for exercise than for performing in public. At the end of the season, they had to do a graduation routine. Cynthia's partner was an 86-year-old man. She was in her early 50s. The older man was moving her through the exercise with skill and class.

Like the sign on my desk says ... "Old Age and Treachery will defeat Youth and Skill!"

Jay Berger is retired from a job in publishing and lives in Agawam with his wife Kitty. They have three children and six grandchildren.

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Obituary

Robert J. Bruno, 80

WEST SPRINGFIELD — Robert James Bruno, 80, of West Springfield, passed away peacefully on Friday, Jan. 22, at his home, surrounded by his loving family. Born in Springfield on Aug. 5, 1935, he was the son of the late James V. and Nancy (Grimaldi) Bruno.

Bob graduated from Agawam High School, Class of 1953, and attended Western New England College. Bob served his country in the U.S. Army National Guard as an infantryman.

He worked as a district manager for AT&T, formerly New England Telephone Co., where he had perfect attendance for 34 years. Bob was a dedicated family man and a long and trusted friend. He was



known for making homemade Italian dishes for his family. Bob was an outdoor enthusiast, including everything from flower and vegetable gardening to wood splitting and fine woodworking. A true gentleman who was patient, kind and humble, he will be missed by all who knew him.

Bob leaves to cherish his memory his loving daughters, Teresa Cavanaugh and her husband Daniel of West Springfield, and Kristine Forry and her husband Robert of Westfield; three grandchildren, Tiffany Cavanaugh, Giavanna Forry and Farrah Forry; his brother, James E. Bruno Jr. and his wife Cheryl of Southwick; his former wife Concetta (Sibilia) Bruno; and his longtime companion, Joan

S. Reed of West Springfield. Bob also leaves five godchildren. He was predeceased by his son, Robert J. Bruno Jr.; and two sisters, Rosalie Liddell Talbot and Mary Lou O'Keefe.

His family will receive friends on Thursday, Jan. 28, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Colonial Forastiere Funeral Home, 985 Main St., Agawam. His funeral will be on Friday, Jan. 29, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the funeral home, followed by a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, West Springfield. Burial will follow in St. Thomas Cemetery, West Springfield. Memorial donations may be made to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, Church St. Station, P.O. Box 780, New York, NY 10008-0780. "Keep the faith" — Bob Bruno. For more information, please visit www.forastiere.com.

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DEATH NOTICES

Bean, Bruce B.
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Private burial
Shaw-Davis Funeral Homes & Cremation Services
Columbus, Ohio

Bruno, Robert J.
Died Jan. 22
Funeral Jan. 29
Colonial Forastiere Funeral Home
Agawam

Dawson, Andrew
Died Jan. 20
Funeral Jan. 25
Agawam Funeral Home, Inc.

Vezi, Rasma
Died Jan. 6
Spring burial
Avalon Life Celebration Center & Cremation Services, LLC
Southwick

Vezi, Uldis
Died Jan. 6
Spring burial
Avalon Life Celebration Center & Cremation Services, LLC
Southwick

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 1, Roberta G. Doering School, 68 Main St., Agawam

- A. Roll call
- B. Moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Citizen's speak time
- D. Minutes
- 1. Regular council meeting — Dec. 21, 2015
- 2. Regular council meeting — Jan. 19, 2016
- E. Declaration from council president
- F. Presentation of Petitions and Resolutions

1. TR-2016-1- Resolution accepting a donation from Theory Skate Shop pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53A to the town of Agawam (Mayor) (Referred to Finance Committee)

2. TR-2016-2- A Resolution confirming the reappointment of Gerald Landry, 71 Country Road, Agawam to the Whiting Street and Thomas Pyne Fund for a term expiring Dec. 31, 2017 (Mayor)

3. TR-2016-3- A Resolution confirming the reappointment of Rene Trudel, 66 Brien St., Agawam, to the Whiting Street and Thomas Pyne Fund for a term expiring Dec. 31, 2017 (Mayor)

4. TR-2015-4- A Resolution confirming the appointment of Anthony Pioggia, 20 Sharon Lane, Feeding Hills, to the Agawam Municipal Golf Commission for a term expiring Dec. 31, 2018 (Mayor)

5. TR-2016-5- A Resolution accepting a grant from Commonwealth of Massachusetts State 911 Department pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53A for Agawam Police Department (Mayor) (Referred to Finance Committee)

6. TR-2016-6- A Resolution regarding the approval of an Inter-Municipal Animal Control Shelter between the town of Southwick and the town of Agawam (Mayor) (Referred to Community Relations Committee)

- G. Report of council committees
- H. Elections
- I. Public hearings

1. TOR-2015-9- An Ordinance to amend the code of the town of Agawam Zoning Ordinances §180 entitled "Non-Conforming Use" (Councilor Cichetti) — Public hearing date March 7, 2016 (Referred to Legislative Committee)

- J. Old Business

1. TO-2016-1- Budgetary transfer of \$20,000 from Building Maintenance Regular Permanent (#11921-51010) to Building Maintenance Overtime (#11921-51030) (Mayor) (Referred to Finance Committee)

2. TO-2016-2- An Order granting or renewing a Class 2 Dealer's License to Zielinski Brothers II at 218 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam (Clerk) (Referred to Administrative Committee)

- K. New business: Unavailable at press time.

- L. Any other matter that may legally come before the City Council. Adjournment

Tai chi class open to drop-ins

Adult drop-in tai chi will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23, at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. The class is for beginners, but all adults, 18 and older, are welcome. Those attending should wear comfortable clothing that allows freedom of movement. Instructor Susan Moore has over 20 years of experience teaching exercise and mind/body practices, including both tai chi and yoga, to people of all ages and abilities. No registration is needed.

Golden Agers Chapter 2 announces bus trips

The Agawam Golden Agers Club, Chapter 2, will host the following bus trips. For more information or reservations, call Nancy King at 413-786-0556 or Carol Allen at 413-789-0187.

Thursday, March 17: Maple sugar tour at the North Hadley Sugar Shack with lunch at the Deerfield Inn and a visit to Richardson's Candy Kitchen. Cost is \$65 per person and includes taxes and gratuities, including driver.

Monday-Wednesday, April 18-20: Atlantic City Resorts Casino. Cost is \$205 per person, double-occupancy (call for other rates). Includes roundtrip motor coach transportation, two nights accommodations at Resorts Casino Hotel, \$25 slot play, two \$30 meal credits at featured outlets, \$5 meal credit and show (if available), all taxes and gratuities, including driver. Bonus package subject to change without notice.

Thursday, May 19: Friesians of Majesty in the heart of Vermont's Green Mountains. Cost is \$95 per person, which includes roundtrip motor coach transportation, Friesians Horse Show program with carriage ride, lunch at the Grafton Inn, all taxes and gratuities, including driver.

Thursday, June 23: Essex Dinner Train and Riverboat. Cost is \$82 per person, includes roundtrip motor coach transportation, steam train ride with lunch onboard, river-

boat cruise and all taxes and gratuities including driver.

July: Ogunquit Playhouse in Maine with lobster bake. Date, price and all details to be announced.

Aug. 31: The Duprees at Aqua Turf in Plantsville, Conn. Cost is \$95 per person. Includes roundtrip motor coach transportation, luncheon show with coffee and doughnuts upon arrival and all taxes and gratuities, including driver.

September: "Chicago" on Broadway in New York City. Date, price and all details to be announced.

Thursday, Oct. 6: Charles Riverboat Cruise. Cost is \$75 per person, includes roundtrip motor coach transportation, Charles River cruise, lunch at the Cheesecake Factory, free time at the CambridgeSide Galleria and all taxes and gratuities, including driver.

Thursday, Nov. 17: Saturday Night Fever at Westchester Dinner Theatre in Elmsford, N.Y. \$99 per person, includes roundtrip motor coach transportation, lunch and show at the theatre and all taxes and gratuities, including driver.

Thursday, Dec. 8: Williams Inn Boar's Head Feast in Williamstown. Cost is \$85 per person, includes roundtrip motor coach transportation, Boar's Head feast and celebration with Christmas Cabaret entertainment, and all taxes and gratuities, including driver.

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cies to come in. We didn't want our park to look like that."

A 'worthy' battle

Lucy Gionfriddo, who got involved after participating in a guided walk in the park during the summer of 2006, calls it a "worthy" battle. She said the state had arranged "a 133-acre commercial timber extraction" without properly notifying park abutters like her.

"It didn't make sense that the state — stewards of our public lands, including Robinson State Park — was more interested in logging and creating a tree farm than in maintaining this narrow urban park, surrounded on three sides by residences, for public use," she said.

Gionfriddo was "horrified" when the state's chief forester explained a bulldozer would widen existing trails in the cutting area to make it easier to move equipment during future loggings.

Logging also would endanger the park's vernal pools — temporary woodland ponds — used by amphibians and invertebrate animals for breeding. Ray Weber, another original Friends member, documented the pools' existence. "There were eight vernal pools and foresters had marked trees within their boundaries — a clear violation."

Armed with facts and determined to protect the park, the group raised public awareness about the timber sale. They posted signs, stuffed flyers in mailboxes, held signs on street corners, conducted "informative" walks in the park, and gathered more than 2,000 signatures on a petition opposing the harvesting.

A 'done deal'

They also organized a public meeting at the Agawam Public Library, attended by more than 100 people, where state Department of Conservation and Recreation representatives declared the timber sale a "done deal" that couldn't be stopped.

But nearly two years after the marked trees were discovered, the planned timber sale was cancelled. DCR and the Friends

reached an agreement to cut some trees. "Hazard" trees were removed, as were stressed pine trees near the park's front entrance and headquarters.

"We weren't opposed to timber harvesting in general — it was where and how those timber harvests would take place that was the issue," said Hurley, whose Westfield home is near the park.

She said the Friends group is now "on the best of terms" with DCR. Resolving the timber sale conflict also produced other benefits, some extending beyond the park's borders. Among them:

- DCR reassessed its entire approach to forest management — helping save other Massachusetts state parks. Urban-like parks, such as Robinson, are now protected from timber harvesting.
- A statewide network of "friends" groups for state parks was created.
- The Agawam City Council established an annual Robinson State Park Day on the third Saturday in June.

From protection to promotion

In the eight years since the Friends saved the park from commercial logging, the group's mission has been to promote the park and encourage others — including Agawam school students — to use the park as an outdoor classroom.

Matt "Twig" Largess, a certified arborist from Rhode Island, was instrumental in helping the Friends stop the timber sale to keep the park intact. Since his involvement, he's led multiple informative walks in the park and inspired Friends of Robinson State Park to share the importance of the park.

Largess, known as the "Voice of the Forest" because of his successful work in preserving forests in New England and beyond, said saving the park was a great accomplishment. He nicknamed Robinson "the Yellowstone of the East," because it's one of the rarest forests in North America, with 50-60 tree species.

He said the Friends have done as well as they can, but the park needs more protection.

"Robinson should be a destination and the jewel of DCR," Largess said. "If Rob-



After the Friends of Robinson State Park exposed a state plan to cut nearly 3,000 trees at the park nearly 10 years ago, an agreement was reached to remove some "hazardous" trees. Following their removal, members of the group and park staff are shown raking over stumps that were ground once the trees were cut. SUBMITTED PHOTO



Agawam High School students use magnifying glasses and charts to identify and describe certain species they found in water at Robinson State Park. In the eight years since the Friends of Robinson State Park saved the park from commercial logging, its mission has been to promote the park and encourage students and others to use the park as an outdoor classroom.

inson was in the Boston area, a lot more money would be spent on its study and maintenance, its future, and its history. It should be a national park or a national landmark."

Gilmour said she continues to enjoy Robinson's natural space, wildlife, water, and peacefulness. "I feel like I'm in the Vermont woods, but I'm here in Agawam, in the middle of suburbia."

Robinson State Park, by the numbers

- 3.1:** Miles in the 5K cross-country course at Robinson State Park used by Agawam High School runners. The course is considered one of the most challenging and enjoyable courses in Western Massachusetts.
- 5:** Miles of shoreline along the Westfield River.
- 7:** Vernal pools (temporary woodland ponds) that have been certified in the park. Several more potentially certifiable pools are being studied.
- 8:** Species of rare dragonflies and damselflies recorded in 2007 study by Natural Heritage that was conducted over several months.
- 17:** Acres on the park's island in the Westfield River — one of its most picturesque spots.
- 20:** Miles of trails and paved roads within the park for hiking, cycling and cross-country skiing. Some trails are accessible for strollers and wheelchairs.
- 50 to 60:** Tree species in the park, including

- several rare and diverse species. Most New England forests only have 20 to 30 tree species.
- 186:** Bird species observed and recorded in the park by the Allen Bird Club of Springfield during the past 50 years.
- 400:** People who follow Friends of Robinson State Park via an email listserv.
- 500:** Participants in the first Robinson State Park Day, in June 2008.
- 800:** Acres of land within park boundaries.
- 1920:** Year that Springfield businessman John C. Robinson began buying parcels of land along the Westfield River in Westfield and Agawam that had been intended for industrial development.
- 1934:** Year that Robinson began donating his riverside land to the state, to be preserved for recreational purposes. He made his last donation, bringing the future state park to its current size, in 1937.

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- 1. Cathode-ray tube
- 4. A leglike part
- 8. Old world, new
- 11. Sec. of Def. Panetta
- 13. Greek god of E or SE wind
- 15. Supervises flying
- 16. In a way, bothers
- 19. Federal savings bank
- 20. Stout lever with a sharp spike
- 21. F.S. Fitzgerald's wife Zelda
- 22. Snakelike fish
- 23. Scads
- 24. Prophet
- 26. Former "Daily Show" star
- 31. Organized crime head
- 34. Oil obtained from flowers
- 35. 2X WWE Divas Champ
- 38. Brine cured Canadian cheese

CLUES DOWN

- 39. Slow oozing
- 41. Volt-ampere
- 42. Phenyl salicylate
- 44. European defense organization
- 45. Anglo-Saxon theologian
- 46. Doctrine
- 49. Soviet peninsula
- 51. Large long-armed ape
- 55. Protects from weather
- 56. Mops
- 60. Bridge expert
- 61. Fabric woven from goat and camel hair
- 62. Capital of Honduras
- 64. Tell on
- 65. Wooden clog
- 66. Beloved
- 67. Fed
- 68. Decays
- 69. Single Lens Reflex

CLUES ACROSS

- 3. Obtained by addition
- 4. Chief executive officer
- 5. Flees
- 6. Murres genus
- 7. __ Wong, spy
- 8. Works well as a remedy
- 9. Tripod
- 10. A nautical unit of depth
- 12. Most populous Native Am. people
- 14. Genus Capricornis
- 17. Universally mounted spinning wheel
- 18. Spanish shawl
- 25. Macaws
- 27. No (Scottish)
- 28. Takes dictation
- 29. Spanish appetizers
- 30. The Muse of lyric and love poetry
- 31. Romaine lettuce
- 32. Alias

CLUES DOWN

- 33. A way to beat
- 36. Son of Jacob and Zilpah
- 37. Amount of time
- 39. Most guileful
- 40. Younger US political party
- 43. Electrical resistance unit
- 45. Side way
- 47. Milton's Cormus composer Henry
- 48. Sheep up to age one
- 49. Green algae
- 50. Capital of Morocco
- 52. S.E. French city on the Rhone
- 53. Asian nation
- 54. Great No. Am. RV Rally
- 57. Culture medium and a food-gelling agent
- 58. Inflamed lymph node swelling
- 59. Native of Edinburgh
- 63. Belonging to a thing

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The court case was scheduled for a pre-trial hearing earlier this week, but Tuesday, the case was continued for a month to Feb. 26 at the request of both parties.

DePalma did not return a phone call seeking comment earlier this week.

According to the court docket, the complainants' filing was amended in late September, and scheduled for pretrial in December. The latest continuance is the second one.

Wight said he was unsure if and when construction of the credit union will start, but believes the Dunkin' Donuts will not be constructed until the court case is resolved. The company already operates a drive-through window at the neighboring Pride station.

"I do not believe Dunkin' Donuts wants the [new] building unless they are able to have the drive-through," said Wight.

The abutters' complaint states they believe the site is not appropriate for a drive-through restaurant.

"The drive-through restaurant as developed will adversely affect the safety and

property values of the neighborhood; there will be a nuisance or potential hazard to vehicle or pedestrian safety; and adequate and appropriate facilities and controls have not been provided for the proper and safe operation of the proposed drive-through restaurant," the complaint states.

The ZBA attempted to compromise with the abutters by placing conditions on its approval of the project. They stipulated the Dunkin' Donuts drive-through window must be closed from midnight to 5 a.m. The business can still be open, but customers must go inside. ZBA member Gary Suffriti asked that dumpster pickup and deliveries only be allowed between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m.

DePalma can still build without the drive-through windows. He has site plan approval from the Planning Board and his land is in a Business-A zone. The buildings can be constructed by right.

Calls to the abutters' attorney, Bart Heemskerk of Springfield, were not returned as of press time.

One person named in the lawsuit, ZBA member James Marmo, passed away recently.

Public Safety

POLICE LOG

The Agawam Police Department responded to 262 calls for service from Jan. 19 to Jan. 25. The department recorded two arrests in its public log. Those arrested will appear at a future date in Westfield District Court and are innocent until proven guilty.

Saturday, Jan. 23

Christopher Burke, 35, of 451 College Highway, Southwick, was arrested on charges of receiving stolen property over \$250, possession of Class A drug, and possession of Class B drug, subsequent offense.

Monday, Jan. 25

Ferdinand Oquendo Jr., 46, of 982 Springfield St., Feeding Hills, was arrested on a charge of larceny over \$250.

FIRE LOG

Agawam Fire Department logs for Jan. 19-25 were not received by press time. The logs will be printed in an upcoming edition of the Agawam Advertiser News.

Fire Dept. gets \$7K in state safety awareness grants

The Agawam Fire Department has received Student Awareness of Fire Education (SAFE) and Senior SAFE grants to help raise awareness of fire safety among students and seniors, state Rep. Nicholas Boldyga announced this week.

The state Department of Fire Services awards these grants to help fund programs to increase awareness of fire prevention, general home safety and house fire preparedness. The student SAFE grant is for \$4,837, and the senior SAFE grant for \$2,917.

"As a father of three, making sure my children are safe is always on my mind," said Boldyga, a Southwick Republican who represents Agawam. "It's crucial to provide fire educational grants to ensure our chil-

dren learn how important it is to be prepared in case of a fire. These programs will continue to help families prepare in the case of a house fire and help prevent them from ever happening."

He added: "The Senior SAFE grant helps one of our most vulnerable segments of the population to be better educated on fire prevention and general home safety."

The SAFE grant was established in the fall of 1995 and since that time, average annual child fire deaths have been reduced by 70 percent. This program provides valuable resources to local fire departments to provide programs on home fire safety and specifically, the fire danger of tobacco products, to grades K-12.

Sweets for the troops



The GFWC Agawam Junior Women's Club recently collated candy and cards in bags for veterans. "Valentines for Vets" is one of the many community service projects sponsored by the club. Pictured in the back row, from left, are Mary O'Connell, Sue Godfrey, Edyie Sheridan, Christina Beauchemin and Ann Pitoniak. Front row, from left, are Gloria King, Aileen Semanie, Kathy Mouneimneh, Alexis Simmons, Donna Shibley and Danielle Light. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Catholic Women to hold game night

The Catholic Women's Club of Agawam will hold its next meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 8. The meeting will take place in the parish center of St. John the Evangelist Church at 833 Main St., Agawam.

The meeting will include "Game Night" and attendees are asked to bring a handful of quarters to participate. Refreshments will be served and guests are welcome.



The art display was installed on what was once a bare wall at the Agawam post office on Suffield Street. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI



Derek Aldrich, 6, a student at Phelps Elementary School, uses a cell phone to photograph his art on display.

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shown," said Newsome. "She's only eight and her artwork is on display for so many people to come and see. A lot of people come to this post office every day."

Newsome also said she knew it was a long process to get the students' work shown, and appreciated the dedication of Osborn and the other elementary school art teachers who got involved.

Bryan Larkin, an art teacher at Granger School, said it is important to give students a chance to have their artwork displayed because it will give the kids a sense of pride in the work they are doing, as well as encourage them to engage more in the arts. He also said it gives the post office a much-needed facelift.

"Before the artwork came in, these walls were completely white," said Larkin. "Now they are full of color and featuring the work of local artists. It is really mutually beneficial."

Work displayed at the post office includes many types of two-dimensional art, including oil and watercolor paintings, sketches and other drawings, and a couple of three-dimensional pieces, including masks made of plaster.



Hannah Newsome, 8, a student at Phelps Elementary School, points out her artwork. She and many other student artists from Agawam are being featured in a new gallery at Agawam's main post office.

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To join, pick up a copy of the Young Adult Winter Reading Club BINGO Board, or print it from www.agawamlibrary.org/teens. Every time club members complete an activity listed on the BINGO Board, they fill in the corresponding square. When there a “BINGO” is achieved in any direction, participants bring the board into the Children’s Room to get it signed and earn a ticket to enter a weekly raffle. Weekly

prize drawings are held on Fridays. The final prize drawing will be Tuesday, Feb. 16. Winners do not need to be present to win.

The prize drawing on Jan. 15 was a copy of the book “The Fault in Our Stars,” by John Green. The prize drawing on Jan. 22 was a gift certificate to Agawam Java Stop. Upcoming weekly prizes include a gift certificate to Dunkin’ Donuts, the Agawam Cinemas and Barnes & Noble.

For more information, call 413-789-1550, ext. 3, or visit www.agawamlibrary.org.

Agawam High School Counseling bulletin

College acceptances

Hailey Clendenin — Daytona State College; Nick Fenney Lasell College, Mitchell College, Nichols College, Western New England University; Jaime Martinez — Westfield State University, Western New England University; Cassidy Milliken — University of Rhode Island; Joe Mocchio — Bryant University; Natalie Rau — Bay Path University; Charles Sclafani — University of New Hampshire; Anastacia Torres — Western Connecticut State University.

Special interest programs

FAFSA Day 2016 is a non-profit, volunteer-driven program providing free assistance to students seeking to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. For anyone attending college in the fall of 2016, this is an opportunity not to miss. The event will be offered at Springfield Technical Community College on Jan. 31 at 1 p.m., Holyoke Community College on Feb. 21 at 1 p.m., and Amherst-Pelham Regional High School on Jan. 28. Families can learn more and register at <http://fafsaday.org>

Jr. Tech Inc., a Massachusetts-based non-profit that has delivered experiential STEM education programs in Massachusetts for the past 10 years, is offering Girls STEM Summit on Sunday, April 10, at Regis College in Weston. The focus is on girls in grades 8-12 who are interested in or curious about careers in the STEM fields. The registration fee is \$55 per student and includes all speakers, hands-on sessions, lunch and snacks, giveaways and a take home gift. Call 617-512-1794 with any questions.

Springfield Technical Community College is again offering the chance for current juniors and seniors to take up to one free course in the spring and summer semesters through the College Now program. This is a great way to earn college credits while in high school while trying courses that may be helpful in exploring a potential career interest. See your counselor for details.

The railroad industry is thriving and railroad companies are looking for qualified workers to fill a variety of

positions. The Railroad Engineering Technology Associate Degree program at Gateway Community College (New Haven, Conn.) prepares students for such careers. Contact Rick Halkyard at 203-285-2311 for more information.

Scholarship information

Students should see their counselor or visit the websites for more information or an application: the Walter S. Barr Scholarship; William R. Rooney Scholarship; Charitable and Educational Trust of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts; Rebekah Assembly of Massachusetts; Edward P. Boland Scholarship; Jewish Endowment Fund; the Holyoke Credit Union Scholarship Program; Hood Milk Sportsmanship Scholarship; Red Pine Scholarship; Yawkey Scholars Program; Phillips Scholarship Fund; Michael Yaskick ADHD Scholarships by Shire; Big Y Scholarship; John F. Kennedy Library Foundation; Skidmore College; Westfield-West Springfield Elks Lodge 1481; Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps; Abbott & Fenner Business Consultants; Jack Kent Cooke Foundation; American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Program; GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship Program; Henry David Thoreau Foundation; Aspiring Fashion Professional Scholarship; Aspiring Animation Professional Scholarship; Aspiring Nurse Scholarship; the Springfield Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; Valley Press Club; Dolly Lancaster Scholarship; Jewish Endowment Fund; State Farm Good Neighbor Scholarship; Mark Bavis Leadership Foundation; Pioneer Valley Chapter/Co-operative Credit union Assoc. Scholarship; Buick Achievers Scholarship; Garden Club Federation of Mass.; National Garden Clubs, Inc.

Meritaid.com: On this free website, students can complete a profile and then access the college merit scholarships that match their profile. This organization does not sell its email lists to third parties. The site includes a comprehensive directory of merit scholarships and academic scholarships across the country.

Did You Know: The most common major, nearly 20 percent, of college graduates is business.

Kindergarten parent events coming up

Agawam schools are planning two events for parents of incoming kindergartners.

“Keys to Kindergarten” will be held 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2, at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. Agawam educators will discuss the myths and realities of kindergarten registration. Hosted by the Agawam Family and Community Program; registration is not required.

Parent Information Night is 6 p.m. Thursday, March 10, at Phelps School, 695 Main St., Agawam. Administrators will answer any questions parents have in regard to their child entering Agawam public schools. Hosted by the School Department.

Kindergarten enrollments are being taken now through the start of next school year from Agawam families with a child who be 5 years old by Sept. 1. Families should register directly with their neighborhood’s assigned elementary school. Parents uncer-

tain about what school serves their address should call the School Department Central Office at 413-821-0552.

All incoming kindergarten students will be screened at their respective school. Assigned times will be provided to families once their registration forms have been submitted. Students only attend one date listed below.

There are four elementary schools in Agawam:

- Benjamin J. Phelps School, 689 Main St., Agawam; 413-821-0586. Screenings on April 12 and 13.
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School Lunch

AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, Feb. 1: Chicken smackers with sauce, baked potato wedges, seasoned green beans, fresh and chilled fruit.

Tuesday, Feb. 2: Chicken fajitas, peppers, onions, cheese, salsa, sour cream, Mexican rice, vegetarian beans, fresh and chilled fruit.

Wednesday, Feb. 3: Chicken filet wrap with assorted sauce, lettuce, tomato and cheese, side of pasta salad, fresh and chilled fruit.

Thursday, Feb. 4: Nachos, salsa, seasoned corn, fresh and chilled fruit.

Friday, Feb. 5: Steak and cheese sub, peppers and onions, potato wedges, fresh and chilled fruit.

AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, Feb. 1: Baked mozzarella sticks with marinara sauce, baked fries, seasoned green vegetable, fresh and chilled fruit.

Tuesday, Feb. 2: Chicken fajitas with peppers and onions, salsa and sour cream, Spanish rice, diced peaches and pears, fresh fruit.

Wednesday, Feb. 3: Hotdog with bun, baked fries, baked beans, fresh and chilled fruit.

Thursday, Feb. 4: Chicken smackers, smile fries, seasoned corn, fresh and chilled fruit.

Friday, Feb. 5: Individual pizza rounds, salad with light dressing, fresh and chilled fruit, cookie.

ROBERTA G. DOERING SCHOOL

Monday, Feb. 1: Baked mozzarella sticks with marinara sauce, baked fries, seasoned green vegetable, fresh and chilled fruit.

Tuesday, Feb. 2: Chicken fajitas with peppers and onions, salsa and sour cream, Spanish rice, diced peaches and pears, fresh fruit.

Wednesday, Feb. 3: Hotdog with bun, baked fries, baked beans, fresh and chilled fruit.

Thursday, Feb. 4: Meatloaf, smile fries, seasoned corn, fresh and chilled fruit.

Friday, Feb. 5: Individual pizza rounds, salad with light dressing, fresh and chilled fruit, cookie.

AGAWAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Monday, Feb. 1: Baked mozzarella sticks with marinara sauce, potato wedges, seasoned green vegetable, fresh and chilled fruit.

Tuesday, Feb. 2: Chicken fajitas with peppers and onions, salsa and sour cream, Spanish rice, diced peaches and pears, fresh fruit.

Wednesday, Feb. 3: Hotdog with bun, baked fries, baked beans, fresh and chilled fruit.

Thursday, Feb. 4: Chips and fish with tartar sauce, smile fries, seasoned corn, fresh and chilled fruit.

Friday, Feb. 5: Individual pizza rounds, salad with light dressing, fresh and chilled fruit, cookie.

AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL BREAKFAST MENU

ELEMENTARY BREAKFAST MENU

Monday, Feb. 1: Assorted low-sugar cereal, 1 percent low-fat milk, assorted Trix yogurt, mozzarella cheese string, juice.

Tuesday, Feb. 2: Assorted low-sugar cereal, 1 percent low-fat milk, assorted nutri-grain bars, mozzarella cheese string, juice.

Wednesday, Feb. 3: Assorted low-sugar cereal, 1 percent low-fat milk, assorted muffins, mozzarella cheese string, juice.

Thursday, Feb. 4: Assorted low-sugar cereal, 1 percent low-fat milk, assorted Trix yogurt, mozzarella cheese string, juice.

Friday, Feb. 5: Pillsbury mini waffles with syrup for dipping, mozzarella cheese string, 1 percent low-fat milk, juice.

Legals

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Division
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-8600
Docket No. HD16P0084EA
Estate of:
Theodore Kim Crosler
Date of Death: 11/16/15
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Chanté D. Crosler** of Kennesaw, GA.

Chanté D. Crosler of Kennesaw, GA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the

estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

1/28/16

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Division
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-8600
Docket No. HD16P0078EA
Estate of:
Erwin G. Chapman
Date of Death:
October 4, 2015
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **David R. Andersen** of Enfield CT, Petitioner **David M. Trehey** of Springfield, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

David R. Andersen of Enfield CT, **David M. Trehey**

of Springfield, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
50 State Street**

**Springfield, MA 01103
Docket No. HD14P1201PM
In the matter of:
James J D’Amato
Of: Agawam, MA
Protected Person/
Disabled Person/
Respondent
CITATION GIVING
NOTICE OF
CONSERVATOR’S
ACCOUNT**

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, you are hereby notified pursuant to Rule 72 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court, that the first account(s) of **William P D’Amato** of Easthampton, MA as Conservator of the property of said Respondent has or have been presented to the Court for allowance.

You have the right to object to the account(s). If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court on or before 10:00 a.m. on the return date of 02/16/2016. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to object to the account(s). If you fail to file the written appearance and objection by the return date, action may be taken in

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Additionally, within thirty days after said return day (or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order), you must file a written affidavit of objections stating the specific facts and grounds upon which each objection is based and a copy shall be served upon the Conservator pursuant to Rule 3 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court.

You have the right to send to the Conservator, by registered or certified mail, a written request to receive a copy of the account(s) at no cost to you.

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WITNESS, Hon. Anne M Geoffrion, First Justice of this Court.

Date: January 19, 2016

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Nearly 60 people packed the banquet room at the Agawam Municipal Golf Course on Jan. 21 to kick off the American Cancer Society's 2016 Relay for Life of Agawam, which will be held in May. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY MIKE LYDICK

Starter for the Relay

By Mike Lydick
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Nearly 60 people packed the banquet room at the Agawam Municipal Golf Course in late January to kick off preparations for the American Cancer Society's 2016 Relay for Life of Agawam, which will be held in May.

Several teams and individuals that made significant contributions to help the 2015 Relay raise nearly \$80,000 were

honored during the two-hour event on the evening of Jan. 21. A number of local businesses and organizations that have supported the Relay were also recognized.

The Relay has raised almost \$300,000 since its first overnight event in 2012. This year's Relay — which will be held May 20-21 at School Street Park — has set a goal of \$85,000. During the next five months, as teams hold fundraisers, they will be using the theme, "Fight Like Superheroes." They will also

use that theme as an inspiration when decorating their campsites at the Relay event.

The co-chairs of the leadership event team planning the 2016 Relay are Feeding Hills residents Janine Iacolo and Samantha Rudd. Starting Thursday, Feb. 4, the Relay planning team will begin holding monthly meetings with team captains. The meetings, at 7 p.m. every first Thursday, will be held at the Agawam Senior Center in the Garden Room on the first level.



Agawam resident Patricia Wolos gave an inspiring speech about the role of caregivers at the Relay kickoff event. She was a caregiver to her sister, a victim of breast cancer.



Charles Annette and Kiersten Jones, both of West Springfield, had some fun while delivering a serious message about the purpose of the Relay for Life of Agawam during the kickoff event for the 2016 Relay. They are part of a team called Nellies Knockers.



Southwick resident Donna Smith, left, has a reason to smile — she's an eight-year colon cancer survivor. She talks with Shiela Peralta, who is on the staff of the American Cancer Society and is a community manager for Relay for Life events.



Brianna Gaynor writes her superhero name — Turbo Arrow — after seeing it on a list of superhero names provided at the 2016 Relay for Life of Agawam kickoff event. This year's Relay theme is "Fight Like Superheroes."



Janis Augsberger — a member of the Relay for Life of Agawam planning team — looks on as Feeding Hills resident Cathy Marble, left, and her granddaughter Karen Malochowski use straws to try to get a ping pong ball over a goal line. The game is one of numerous activities that will be played during the overnight Relay in May.



Janine Iacolo, co-chair of the 2016 Relay for Life of Agawam, explains how money raised at Relay is used to provide no-cost services to cancer patients by the American Cancer Society. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY MIKE LYDICK



Mario Tedeschi, president of Allied Flooring and Paint in Agawam, accepts a certificate from Relay for Life co-chair Janine Iacolo. The Agawam resident was among several local businesses, teams, and individuals recognized at the Jan. 21 kickoff event for the 2016 Relay.



Listening to some of the presentations at the kickoff for the 2016 Relay for Life of Agawam are, from left, Liz McKiernan and Alison and Ginger Berger. McKiernan's team is the Agawam Piranhas and the Bergers are part of Bucko's Bunch.



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During the Relay kickoff, participants engaged in a game of "Relay Jeopardy" to test their knowledge about the event and the American Cancer Society.



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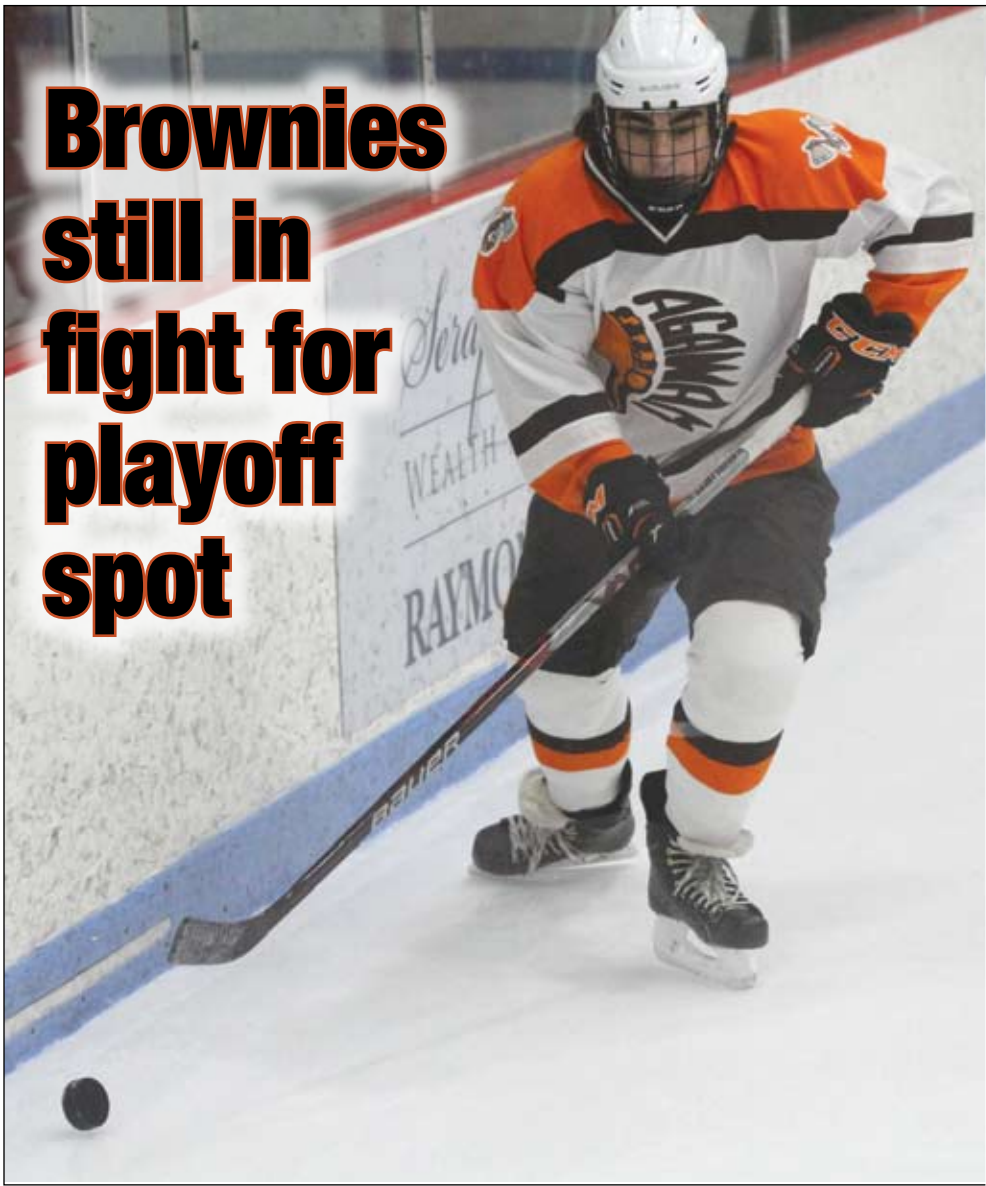


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SPORTS

HOCKEY

Brownies still in fight for playoff spot



By Gregory A. Scibelli
Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – After several seasons of playoff appearances and a couple of championships, the Agawam ice hockey team is in danger of missing the tournament.

The Brownies are now 2-10-1, and have a 2-6-1 Berry Division record. Hockey tournament rules state that the top four teams in the Berry Division, which make up the Division 3 field in the Western Massachusetts Tournament, reach the tournament.

Agawam is still fighting for that fourth place spot, though they trail two other teams by a slim margin.

Agawam is currently in sixth place. Minnechaug holds first place at 6-1 with a great season, their first in several years. Longmeadow is tied with a 6-1 record, and East Longmeadow is third at 5-1-1. Tied for fourth are West Springfield and Westfield at 2-5. Agawam has lost to West Springfield 2-1 once this year, and has beaten Westfield twice.

Agawam still has three league games remaining to try and climb back into tournament contention, but their inexperience has them struggling to keep in the race.

Agawam did get a move in the positive direction last Thursday night when they earned a tie against East Longmeadow at Olympia Ice Center.

Preston Kozub tries to work out of the corner. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

SWIMMING

Agawam swimmers dominate Central

By Dave Forbes
Turley Publications Sports Staff Writer

AGAWAM - The Agawam boys and girls swim teams had a pair of meets over the last week and came out with a split for both sides.

The boys topped Central, 100-79, but fell to Chicopee Comp, 101-82. The girls were winners over Central 101-69, but lost to Chicopee Comp, 94-86.

For the boys against Central, David Wheat was a double individual winner in the 200-yard Individual Medley (2 minutes, 16.87 seconds) and 100-yard freestyle (54.50), while Joshua Shea did so in the 200-yard freestyle (2:14.29) and the 500-yard freestyle (6:04.63), Viktor Shapovalov did so in the diving (150.35 points) and the 100-yard backstroke (1:01.24), and David Welch in the 100-yard butterfly (1:00.39) and the 100-yard breaststroke (1:14.11).

John Wheat added a first in the 50-yard freestyle at 24.27.

WRESTLING

Young Brownies ready to battle with Central

By Gregory A. Scibelli
Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – While the Agawam wrestling team is definitely developing a crop of new, talented grapplers, they still will have to contend with the powerful abilities of the Division 1 standard that is Central.

Central has dominated the individual tournament during the past few years and Agawam got their first taste of Central's prowess when they faced the Golden Eagles in a dual meet last weekend, losing 54-18.

Agawam does not face Central in league competition and relies on multi-team meets to get the experience of facing them before the tournament.

Agawam won just three matches in the meet. The Brownies also lost to Keene, N.H., in the multi-team meet.

The Brownies had been on a three-meet winning streak, with their last win coming last week against visiting Northampton, 63-12.

This meet was no trouble for the Brownies as they dominated the action early.

Kyle Ma picked up a win by moving up a weight class from 106 to 113 pounds. He needed almost the entire first period, but

he grabbed a pinfall victory by defeating Alex Meunier with 14 seconds remaining.

Jimmy Adams then give Agawam a 15-0 lead in the meet when he outlasted Noah Brink at 120 pounds.

The two traded points for the entire match, but Adams would outlast Brink with a 12-10 decision victory.

Daigon Bishop won a quick match in the 138-pound slot. He scored a pinfall in just over a minute against Xavier Chartier.

In the 160-pound match, Calum Hastings defeated Jarrett Smith. Hastings had a similar defeat to Bishop's win, getting the takedown and defeat in 1:01.

The final match of the day featured a heavyweight win for Tavon Brooks. He needed a second period to score the win, getting the pinfall 34 seconds into the period.

Agawam also had four forfeits in the meet.

The Brownies have a very busy schedule heading into the final two weeks of the regular season.

After facing West Springfield at home earlier this week, the Brownies head to Pathfinder Regional for two meets against Pathfinder and Dean Tech. They

BOYS BASKETBALL



Mike Destefano lunges to keep the ball out of Belchertown's reach. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

Ohradka shoots down Orioles

By Gregory A. Scibelli
Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – In the fourth quarter, Meesha Ohradka took a vicious bump after making a shot on the hoop, and was slow to get up and get going on defense.

But it was his offense that helped lead Agawam past Belchertown last Friday night 80-71 in a wild game that saw the lead change several times.

Agawam was tied with the

Orioles 45-45 after being behind early in the third quarter. At that point, the offenses peaked on both sides, through Agawam took the advantage first and were able to build an early fourth quarter lead, riding that to the victory.

It started with a layup by Mike Destefano, who forced his way through the key and picked up a layup to give Agawam 47-45 lead.

Belchertown re-took the lead



Sean Moore looks for an open teammate.

Sports

DEPALO AWARD



Ryan Gokey, left, receives the Depalo Award from Vito Depalo, a former 20-year football team manager for AHS.

Gokey recognized for outstanding effort

AGAWAM - It was standing room only in the Peirce Room of the Agawam Public Library on Thursday, Jan. 14. Fourth-grader Ryan Gokey received the first Depalo Award. Named in honor of members of the Depalo family, it is to be awarded annually by the Agawam Boys Varsity Soccer Alumni Association to a young soccer player for outstanding effort in helping at the boys varsity soccer games.

Ryan was recognized for his efforts at a game against Longmeadow. He was the ball boy on one half of the east side of the field during the first half. When two of the ball boys in that game never came back to begin the second half, Ryan covered the entire 120 yards himself for 40 minutes. He handled it flawlessly even when the ball left the field several times in less than a minute. Ryan was given a plaque donated by Don Lunden, a member of the Agawam High School Class of 1948, who makes plaques sold at the

baseball and basketball halls of fame.

Vito Depalo, AHS Class of 1947, volunteered as the football team manager for over 10 years. Joseph Depalo, Vito's uncle, was well known for the award-winning Christmas display he put up for over 40 years at his Meadow Street home. Tom Depalo, AHS Class of 1973, was a skillful soccer forward at AHS and his cousin Joey Depalod, AHS Class of 1963 was a talented soccer player also, but there was no soccer team when he was in school.

Seen in the crowd at the presentation were many Depalo family members, Vito's friends from McDonald's and Roger and Fran Leclerc, who have been friends of Vito since they graduated from AHS in 1954.

The Association gave Ryan two new soccer balls in addition to his plaque. He is the son of Dan and Beth Gokey of Feeding Hills.

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Agawam also placed first in the 200-yard medley relay (J. Wheat, Ben McKiernan, Welch and Frank Mastromatteo) with a time of 2:04.52, the 200-yard freestyle relay (Mastromatteo, D. Wheat, Welch and Shapovalov), and the 400-yard freestyle relay (Shea, D. Wheat, Welch and Shapovalov) with a time of 4:04.41.

In the loss to Chicopee Comp, Welch was a double individual winner in the 200-yard Individual Medley (2:16.10) and the 100-yard freestyle (51.83), J. Wheat in the 200-yard freestyle (2:03.40) and the 500-yard freestyle (5:55.23), J. Wheat in the 200-yard freestyle (2:03.400 and the 500-yard freestyle (5:55.23), and Shapovalov in the 50-yard freestyle (23.36) and the 100-yard backstroke (55.81).

Agawam also placed first in the 200-yard medley relay (Shapovalov, Welch, D. Wheat and Shea) with a time of 1:51.48.

In the girls win over Central, Erin Dustin was a double individual winner in the 200-yard freestyle (2:20.25) and the 500-yard freestyle (1:57.62), as was Mary D'Angelo in the 200-yard Individual Medley (2:40.93)

and the 100-yard butterfly (1:14.11), and Sophia Pearson in the 50-yard freestyle (27.65) and the 100-yard breaststroke (1:19.48).

Amberlie Brenes added a first in the 100-yard backstroke (1:19.32).

Agawam also placed first in the 200-yard medley relay (Pearson, Sam Swistak, D'Angelo and Janelli Leclair) with a time of 2:12.87, and the 400-yard freestyle relay (Dustin, Pearson, D'Angelo and Victoria Sutherland) with a time of 4:29.82.

In a loss to Chicopee Comp, Dustin was a double individual winner in the 200-yard Individual Medley (2:29.35) and the 500-yard freestyle (5:56.95), as was Pearson in the 200-yard freestyle (2:11.34) and the 100-yard backstroke (1:07.50).

Agawam also placed first in the 200-yard medley relay (Pearson, Dustin, D'Angelo and LeClair) with a time of 2:09.54, and the 400-yard freestyle relay (Pearson, D'Angelo, Dustin and Sutherland) with a time of 4:18.93.

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WRESTLING ■ from page 12

will host Westfield this Wednesday at 7 p.m., and next weekend, Agawam will host its own set of dual meets with three of them against Eastern Massachusetts teams.

The Brownies are currently 8-5 with a perfect 3-0 league record.

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

D'Amours helps rescue Lady Brownies

By Gregory A. Scibelli

Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM - Ludlow made some noise in the third quarter, but the Agawam girls basketball team did not relinquish their lead and pulled away in the fourth quarter to take away a 43-35 win on Monday night at home.

Agawam held a lead throughout the game, but did get through a couple of defensive breakdowns where Ludlow was able to string together a few baskets in a row.

But their defense was great when it counted, late in the game. Ludlow had trouble finding the basket and were limited to just five points in the final frame.

Stacia Papuga helped out big for the Lions early in the second half. Trailing by six points to start the frame, Ludlow outscored Agawam 7-2 in the first 3:00 of the third.

Papuga put the exclamation point on the brief comeback but nailing a long 3-pointer from the right side that made the score 28-27.

Unfortunately, that would be all the Lions would manage as Agawam started scoring near the end of the third and held a 31-30 lead at the end of the third.

The Brownies, thanks to Meghan D'Amours, were able to expand that lead in the fourth. She, Mirski, and Caitlin Normoyle all hit baskets during the early part of the fourth quarter.

D'Amours was also excellent from the free throw line, nailing seven of her chances.

She would finish the game with 19 points to lead all scorers.

Agawam had a pretty good start to the game, going on a 12-5 run in the first 5:00 of the game. D'Amours nailed a layup to make it 14-5.

Ludlow got going briefly with a Stephanie Guillen basket to make it 14-6. Guillen scored again after Agawam missed a basket, then Brooke Bruneault would hit a layup that became a three-point play thanks to a foul. The three baskets brought Ludlow within three points 14-11 late in the first.

But Mirski drew a foul would she crossed the basket and flipped a hook shot that also resulted in a foul. The ball found the basket and she hit the free throw to make it a three-point play and gave Agawam a 17-11 lead at the end of the first frame.

Agawam did not let the lead go in the second, but Ludlow applied a lot more pressure on defense to keep Agawam from scoring for the first three minutes of the quarter.

Ludlow was able to stay close before D'Amours nailed a hook shot, Madison Lockwood hit a free throw, and Normoyle hit a bank shot to extend Agawam's lead back to six points at halftime.

Ludlow was led by Papuga and Guillen with 10 points each.

Agawam got seven points from Mirski, and six points each from Normoyle and Jess Lingenberg.

Agawam climbed back to .500 with the win and improved to 2-0 in the Valley Wheel League.

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INDOOR TRACK

Greene earns second in high jump

Gallerani does same for boys

By Dave Forbes

Turley Publications Sports Staff Writer

NORTHAMPTON - It was a very close battle on the track at Smith College, but at the end of the day the Central girls had just enough to outlast Agawam, 46-45.

The boys also met up, and the Golden Eagles flew to a 57-37 win.

For the girls, senior Grace Greene came in second in the high jump at 4-08, sophomore Alyssa Montagna finished fourth in the 55 meters at 8.01 seconds, junior Paige Hardy placed fourth in the 55-meter hurdles at 10.06, junior Sarah Carron came in fifth in the 300 meters at 47.57, junior Sierra Kruser tied for sixth in the high jump at 4-04, senior Cassie Ayre tied for sixth in the high jump at 4-04, junior Caroline Hitchcock finished sixth in the long jump at 14-00 3-4, senior Maggie Mendoza came in sixth in the shot put at 26-08 3-4, senior Kiana Eaton placed eighth in the two-mile

at 14:04.69, senior Victoria Abramchuk came in eighth in the high jump at 4-04, senior Victoria Nascembeni finished ninth in the 55-meter hurdles at 10.80, senior Jenna Beach came in ninth in the long jump at 13-10 3-4, senior Kristin Brouillette finished ninth in the shot put at 25-08, and junior Collette Groux placed 10th in the 1000 meters at 3:48.63.

Agawam also placed seventh in the 4x200 meter relay with a time of 2:08.15.

For the boys, senior Troy Gallerani came in second in the high jump at 5-08 and ninth in the 55 meters at 7.04, junior Colin Czerpak finished fourth in the 600 meters at 1:33.95, senior Tom Howard placed fifth in the 55-meter hurdles at 8.61 and 10th in the 300 meters at 40.05, freshman Jason Beaver came in eighth in the 1000 meters at 2:53.43 and junior Thomas Hendrickson finished 10th in the mile at 5:17.79.

Agawam also placed seventh in the 4x200 meter relay with a time of 1:43.87.

Fishing and hunting swap meet

FEEDING HILLS - The annual Agawam Fishing and Hunting Swap Meet will take place at the Polish American Club, 139 Southwick St.

The show will take place on March 6 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

There will be a \$2 door charge.

This show will have all kinds of fishing and hunting gear. In the past vendors have new, used, antique Fishing and hunting gear. This includes fresh

water, salt water and ice fishing equipment. We also have on hand many antique vendors and sellers to quote that old tackle for free. This show has something for everyone.

If you are interested in selling your gear at this show please call Dave Dussault now at 413-427-0846 to reserve your space. This show has sold out of vending space every year it was held.

Groux takes first in diving for Owls

WESTFIELD - Westfield State swimmers won the first eight events of the meet as the Owls celebrated senior night at the Ely Pool on Monday night, defeating Western Connecticut State by a 105-86 score. The Owls shared the wealth as six different swimmers earned wins, including Monique Groux, of Agawam, in 1-meter diving,



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Sports

HOCKEY ■ from page 12

The Brownies scored four times in the third period to overcome a major deficit and get their first tie of the season.

Cam Croteau, along with Anthony, John, and Niko Passerini all scored goals in the final frame.

East Longmeadow started out with the lead with a goal late in the first period. The game was very physical with penalties coming from both teams. Agawam threatened several times when they were on the power play, but could not convert against East Longmeadow's Jack O'Brien.

The Spartans would extend their lead with a pair of goals in the second period, but relinquished that lead when Agawam came back in the third period.

Connor McAnanama made 29 saves on 33 shots for the Brownies.

Unfortunately, the Brownies could not keep the momentum going and fell on Saturday against Longmeadow, 5-1.

The Brownies had a lot of trouble getting out of the gate as Longmeadow struck for all five of their goals in the first period.

Agawam played much better in the second period, but their offense could not get them back into the game.

Agawam had an early power play in the third period and Brett Fila scored to make it 5-1, but that was all the Brownies were able to do.

Nick Askins made 33 saves for Agawam in the defeat.

The struggling Brownies have won at least 13 games since the 2008-2009 season. Agawam looks to fight for their playoff spot coming up next Saturday when they face Ludlow at 8 p.m. at Olympia Ice Center.

Gregory A. Scibelli is a sports correspondent for Turley Publications. He can be reached at gscibelli@turley.com.



Cam Croteau fights to keep possession of the puck. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI



John Passerini takes a faceoff.

BOYS BASKETBALL ■ from page 12

briefly thanks to a trey from Conor Davis.

But Destefano, and later a buzzer shot by Cam Cabana would tie the score 57-57 at the end of the third quarter.

Ohradka started out the next frame with a layup and Joe Moccio followed with a medium depth shot to help Agawam keep the lead. Then, senior Sean Moore, who helps provide the power and height for the Brownies, hit a bank shot, and followed a turnover with a turnaround jumper to help Agawam extend its lead to 67-60.

With about 5:00 left in the game, Agawam let this lead stick, though Belchertown did not give up, with Davis scoring to cut the lead to 67-62.

Jack Kamins also helped out with a layup, followed by a steal and a layup to cut the Agawam lead to 70-66.

Agawam had a short hiccup on offense, but Ohradka got it back when he attacked the hoop from the outside and made a layup to give the Brownies a six-point lead.

Moore was followed on a subsequent

possession, and sank both free throws to make it 74-66.

Moore would then make a steal under the Belchertown basket, and fed Moccio for another score. With a 10-point lead and 2:00 remaining, Belchertown decided not to go the fouling route, and Agawam kept their margin for the remainder of the game.

Coach Dave Federico gave his team credit for hanging in and for continuing to attack the basket. He said both Moore and Ohradka gave the team huge points when they were needed.

"Sean has been doing this all season for us," said Federico.

Ohradka would lead all scorers with 31 points. He had four treys. Moccio finished with 18 points, and Myles Scott had 10 points. Moore finished with nine points, most of them coming in the fourth quarter.

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PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN

(never known to fail): O Most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me here you are my mother. O Holy Mary Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart, to succor me in my necessity (make request). There are none that can withstand your power. O Mary conceived without sin pray for us who have recourse to thee (three times). Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands (three times). Say this prayer for three consecutive days and then you must publish and it will be granted to you.

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WORSHIP SERVICES
Sunday 10 a.m.
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WORSHIP SERVICES
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Wednesday Family Night: 7 p.m.

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WORSHIP SERVICES
Summer Schedule
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Agawam
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jesussaves.7@comcast.net
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Pastor: Rick Donofrio

SERVICES
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SUNDAY SERVICES
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Coffee & Conversation following worship service

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Feeding Hills
789-2026

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Sunday Night Service, 6 p.m.
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(413) 786-8200

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Lord's Day Masses: Saturday, 4 p.m.;
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(413) 786-6133
saintdavid@comcast.net
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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday 8 a.m. Rite I and Holy Eucharist
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Coffee hour following the 10 a.m. service
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786-8105
info@stjohnnevanglistchurch.org.
www.stjohnagawam.org

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturdays: 5 p.m. Sundays: 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
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Weekdays: Mon., Tues., Wed. & Fri., 8 a.m.
Thursday: Communion Service

Out & About

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Friday, Jan. 29

FIRST PERSON PRESENTATION, "Letters Home During the Civil War," from 7 to 8 p.m. at Storrowton Village Museum Meetinghouse on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Admission \$5; children under 6 free.

Saturday, Jan. 30

RAILROAD HOBBY SHOW today from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Better Living Center, Young Building, Stroh Building and Mallary Complex on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Admission \$14; children 15 and under free when accompanied by an adult. Special online two-ticket pricing.

Tuesday, Feb. 2

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST TUESDAY MORNING MUSIC CONCERT, 361 Sumner Ave., Springfield, will feature the Devine-Nix Duo at 10:30 a.m. Reception to follow. For more information, call Yolanda Martin at 413-736-0766 or email firgo9654@aol.com.

Thursday, Feb. 4

THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS AT THE QUADRANGLE will present "A Look at the History of Latinos in Western Massachusetts" featuring Joseph Carvalho II and Elizabeth Roman, at 12:15 in the Museum of Fine Arts at 21 Edwards St., Springfield. Admission is \$4 (\$2 for museum members). Parking is free. For information, call (413) 263-6800, ext. 488.

Friday, Feb. 5

AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY TEAMS WINE TASTING fundraiser, 7 to 11 p.m. at Crestview Country Club, 281 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam. Hors d'oeuvres, buffet dinner, music, raffle prizes and a cash bar. Tickets are \$25 and may be purchased in advance by contacting Calli Phillips at 413-575-3377 or at the door.

AGAWAM ROBOTICS EDUCATION ASSOCIATION Team 839 Rosie Robotics World Famous Ziti Dinner from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St. Tickets available at the door or from any Rosie Robotics student, \$8 per adult, \$5 for children 6-12, and free for children under 5.

Saturday, Feb. 6

THE FR. THOMAS SHEA COUNCIL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WINTER PICNIC, 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Our Lady of the Lake Parish Hall, 224 Sheep Pasture Road, Southwick. \$8 for adults, \$5 for children age 5 to 12, and free for children under the age of 5. For more information, call Al Matos Sr. at 413-569-6914 or 413-244-6034.

GREAT BARRINGTON KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW, today and Sunday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the Better Living Center on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Free admission.

ROTARY CLUB ICE FISHING DERBY to raise funds for the war memorial outside the Southwick Congregational Church, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Congamond Lakes North Ramp Gazebo. \$20 entry fee. For derby rules and details, visit www.southwickrotary.org. Contact Rotarian Bill Alaimo at 413-563-3767 with any questions.

Wednesday, Feb. 10

THE ELM-BELCHER MASONIC LODGE, 53 River St., Agawam, offers an all-you-can-eat spaghetti supper at a cost of \$8 for adults, \$4 for children. The public is welcome.

Thursday, Feb. 11

THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS AT THE QUADRANGLE will present "The Armory Show, Chamber of Horrors or Exhibition of Art?" featuring Gloria Russell, retired art critic and professor of art history, at 12:15 in the Museum of Fine Arts at 21 Edwards St., Springfield. Admission is \$4 (\$2 for museum members). Parking is free. For information, call (413) 263-6800, ext. 488.

Friday, Feb. 12

SPRINGFIELD RV, CAMPING AND OUTDOOR SHOW, today through Monday, in the Better Living Center, Young Building and Mallary Complex on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. \$11 general admission (\$9 with online coupon); children 12 and under free; seniors, disabled American veterans and military, \$7.

DAN JONES, EDITOR OF THE NEW YORK TIMES column "Modern Love," will share his stories and read from his books at 10:10 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. at Scibelli Hall at STCC, One Armory Square, Springfield, as part of its free Ovation series. For more information, call 413-755-4233 or email pcodonoghue@stcc.edu.

Saturday, Feb. 13

COMEDY NIGHT hosted by the Agawam Dog Owners Group, 8 p.m., Oak Ridge Golf Club. 850 S. Westfield St., Feeding Hills. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Bring your own snacks. Tickets \$20, available at Southgate Liquors (next to Geissler's) or online at www.AgawamDogPark.com. For more information or reservations of six or more, call Cheryl at 413-374-8336.

THE SUFFIELD WINTER FARMER'S MARKET will be at the Large Animal Facility in back of the high school at 1060 Sheldon St., West Suffield from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Local crafters and vendors also offer a large variety of items. For more information, visit www.suffieldfarmer-smarket.com.

Sunday, Feb. 14

THE WEST SPRINGFIELD COIN CLUB will meet at 7 p.m. in the Church of the Good Shepherd, 214 Elm St., West Springfield. A special coin topic will be presented and discussed. Refreshments available. Guests welcome. For more information, call Peter Setian at 413-596-9871.

Wednesday, Feb. 17

THE AGAWAM SAINT PATRICK COMMITTEE will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the lower level classroom at St. John's Parish Center, 833 Main St., Agawam. New members are welcome.

Friday, Feb. 19

SPRINGFIELD SPORTSMEN'S SHOW, today through Sunday, in the Better Living Center and Stroh Building on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. General admission, \$13; children 6 to 12, \$5; under 6, free.

Saturday, Feb. 20

KIDS FUN FAIR / TRAVELING ZOO, today and Sunday, in Mallary East on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. General admission, \$15; children 12 and under free with coupon.

FIRST COMPANY GOVENOR'S FOOT ATHLETIC ASSOC. Dog show and Obedience Trials, today and Sunday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., in the Young Building on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Free admission.

Sunday, Feb. 21

"HONEST CONVERSATIONS WITH MUSLIM NEIGHBORS," a program sponsored by the Greater Suffield Interfaith Council and the Connecticut Council for Inter-religious Understanding Hartford Seminary, will be held at 2 p.m. at First Church of Christ, Congregational, 81 High St., Suffield. For more information, call the church at 860-668-0456 or visit interfaith@ccfiu.org.

Thursday, Feb. 25

THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS AT THE QUADRANGLE

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Active Lifestyle Fitness of Agawam is "going red" next week to raise money for the American Heart Association. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Fitness studio to 'go red' against heart disease

Active Lifestyle Fitness LLC of Agawam will "Go Red for Women" during the week of Feb. 1-7 in an effort to raise money for the American Heart Association. The fitness studio is encouraging members to wear red during their workout, take selfies to promote the cause on social media and to make a donation.

According to the American Heart Association, one in three women die of heart disease and stroke every year. The American Heart Association has been working to change the perception that this is just a man's disease. Throughout the year Active Lifestyle Fitness

works to educate members about heart healthy choices. This event gives them even more of an opportunity to draw attention to healthy living.

"We are so proud to take part in such an important cause. Our goal is to educate our members and the public about the importance of exercise and healthy eating," said Ashley Brodeur, owner of Active Lifestyle Fitness. "It's a great way for us to not only educate women about heart disease, but to motivate them to take action."

For more information, visit activelifestylefitness.com.

will present "Drawing the Portrait" featuring Christina Grace Mastrangelo, classical painter and teacher, at 12:15 in the Museum of Fine Arts at 21 Edwards St., Springfield. Admission is \$4 (\$2 for museum members). Parking is free. For information, call (413) 263-6800, ext

Friday, Feb. 26

FRANK MARATTA'S AUTO AND RACE-A-RAMA SHOW today through Sunday in the Better Living Center on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. General admission, \$15; children 8 to 12, \$7.50; free for children 7 and under.

Saturday, Feb. 27

KENT MEMORIAL LIBRARY will host a program on the culture and food of Korea from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Designed for adults and children age 7 and over, it will take place either at the library's current home, 61 Flyer Place, Suffield, or at 50 N. Main St., Suffield, depending on the status of renovations. To register or to confirm the location, visit www.suffield-library.org or call 860-668-3896.

ONGOING

GRANDPARENT'S PLAYGROUP Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., at St. David's Church, 699 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. This free infant and toddler playgroup features music and movement, fostering children's interactions and sharing skills. Open to all grandparents and their grandchildren. Follows school schedule.

MOM 2 MOM takes place the second Tuesday of every month October through June, 9:30 to 11 a.m. at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St. A round-table discussion hosted by a local "veteran" mom, this is a great way to have further conversation on recent café themes and parent education events, celebrate parenting and receive encouragement for the trials.

THE AGAWAM ST. PATRICK COMMITTEE meets the third Wednesday of each month, September through June, at 6:30 p.m. at St. John the Evangelist Rectory conference room, 833 Main St., Agawam. For information on how to join, call Vera Conway at 413-786-3247 or email Rosemary Sandlin at rosemarysandlin@gmail.com

ADULT DROP-IN SIT AND KNIT meets every Tuesday from 1-3 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. No registration needed.

AGAWAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 459 Mill St., Agawam, offers "Crochet Club" every other Tuesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. This club is open to all needle-workers, including crocheters, knitters, quilters, and embroiderers. For more information, call 413-786-7991.

A BREAST CANCER AND MASTECTOMY SUPPORT GROUP meets the fourth Tuesday of each month from 6 to 7:15 p.m. at 2 South Bridge Drive, Suite 1B, Agawam. Registration is required by calling 413-789-0200 or online at www.survivorjourneys.org.

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Agawam Senior Center

Lunch Menu

Monday, Feb. 1: Honey mustard roast chicken, hash browns, peas, apples.
Tuesday, Feb. 2: Tortellini and meatballs, Caesar salad, birthday cake.
Wednesday, Feb. 3: Chicken and dumplings, mixed vegetables, garden salad, diced pears.
Thursday, Feb. 4: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, pudding.
Friday, Feb. 5: Baked fish, scalloped potatoes, buttered spinach, peaches.

Calendar of Events

Monday, Feb. 1: Ear Masters free hearing clinic; 8 a.m., weight training; 8:15 a.m., yoga; 9 a.m., Painting Club; 9:30 a.m., line dancing; 11:30 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 1 p.m., bingo; 2-4 p.m., monthly dance in Veterans Hall; 5:30 p.m., Zumba.
Tuesday, Feb. 2: 9 a.m., exercise, knitting class,

sewing class; 10 a.m., chair exercise; 12:30 p.m., mah jongg, movie ("Ricki and the Flash"), ladies billiards; 1 p.m., Mexican Train Game; 2:30 p.m., chorus re-starts; 4:30 p.m., yoga; 6 p.m., beginner line dance, evening sewing.
Wednesday, Feb. 3: 8 a.m., weight training; 8:15 a.m., yoga; 9:45 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 12:30 p.m., bridge; 1 p.m., scrabble; 1:30 p.m., Golden Age Club Chapter 2 meeting; 5:30 p.m., Zumba; 6:30 p.m., Turnverein chorus.
Thursday, Feb. 4: free tax preparation (by appt.); 9 a.m., exercise; 9:30 a.m., quilting; 10 a.m., line dancing; 12:30 p.m., bridge, Investment Club meeting; 1 p.m., pitch, open art; 2 p.m., Melody Band practice; 4:15 p.m., Pilates; 6:30 p.m., pitch, evening line dance.
Friday, Feb. 5: 8 a.m., yoga; 10 a.m., tai chi; 9:15 a.m., all media art class; noon, canasta; 1 p.m., pitch, cribbage.

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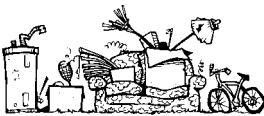
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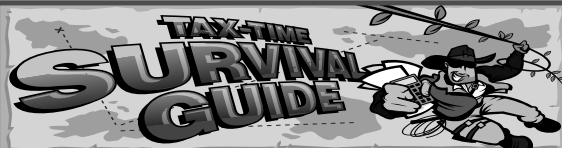
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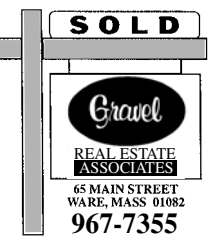
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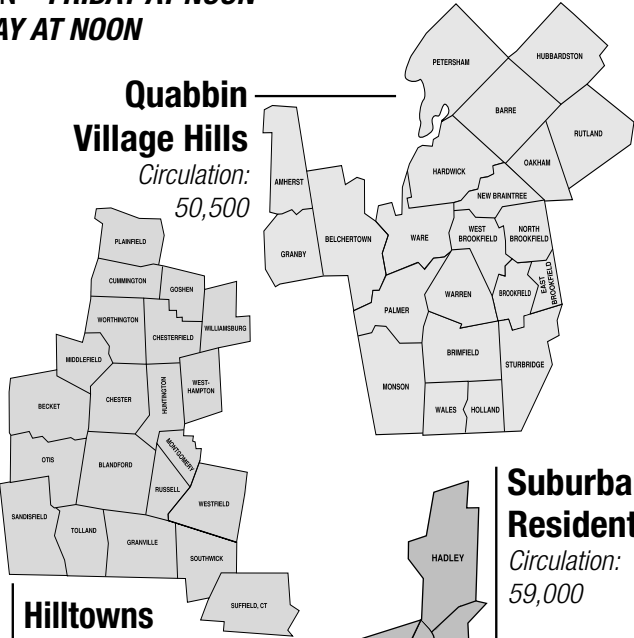
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